

REMARKS

This communication is intended to be fully responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 19, 2004. If any aspect of this response is deemed to be deficient, the Examiner is invited to telephone the below signed attorney.

Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. With this response, claim 19 has been amended and Applicant believes said amendment cures all aforesaid deficiencies. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Claims 8, 12, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Shouji (USP 5799388). Alternatively, claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Triller (USP 3193408). Also, claims 8-10, 12, and 30-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shouji in view of Triller. The Applicant respectfully traverses.

With this response independent claims 8, 20, and 30 have been amended. Although each claim has been amended differently, each essentially now recites a controller for monitoring a property level and actuating the shutters based on that property level. Neither Shouji nor Triller disclose, teach or suggest this limitation. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests claims 8, 20, and 30 be noticed as allowable over said prior art.

Claims 9-10, 12-19, and 31-38 depend from independent claims 8 and 30 and, as described above, define further features and structure of the device. Accordingly, these claims are patentable for the reasons noted above with respect to claims 8 and 30 as well for the additional features recited therein. Therefore, notice to the effect that dependent claims 9-10, 12-19, and 31-38 are in a condition for allowance is respectfully requested

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I hereby certify that this Amendment and the documents referred to as attached therein are being transmitted via facsimile to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 on the date indicated above.

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